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UD ALUMNUS TO BE INDUCTED INTO OFIC HALL OF EXCELLENCE

DAYTON, Ohio -- Lieutenant General Frank F. Ledford Jr., Surgeon General of the U.S. Army and a graduate of the University of Dayton, will be inducted into the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) Hall of Excellence.

The induction ceremony will be held the evening of April 3 at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus.

Ledford will be one of five inductees. The others are actor Hal Holbrook, an alumnus of Denison University; William F. Laird, retired chairman and CEO of Columbia Gas Systems, an alumnus of Capital University; John G. McCoy, retired chairman of BancOne Corporation, an alumnus of Marietta College, and William D. White, president of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs, an alumnus of Hiram College.

Ledford graduated from UD in 1955. After receiving his degree from the University of Cincinnati Medical School, he interned at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

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"General Ledford represents the highest ideals of the complete professional who blends competence in his profession and dedicated service for others," says Patrick M. Joyce, vice president for advancement at UD.

"We are very proud of a UD graduate who has played such an important role in the healthy welfare of all of our troops in Operation Desert Storm."

Ledford has held a variety of command, staff, and clinical positions, including service in Vietnam where he was chief of surgery for a 400-bed evacuation hospital.

His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, with palm; and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, with two stars. In 1988 he was awarded the Founder's Medal of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

Ledford is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the American College of Physician Executives. He is one of the few American officers to have been awarded the Cross of Honor in Gold by the Federal Republic of Germany.

Ledford was born in Jacksonville, Fla., and is married to the former Marilyn Kain of Troy, Ohio. They have one daughter.